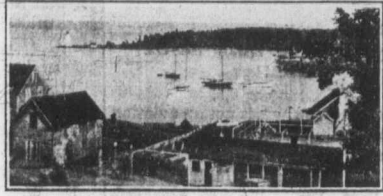


# National Aviation Celebration, Baddeck, August 16



Left, view of Silver Dart the plane in which J. A. D. McCurdy made Empire history when he flew four and



half miles over the ice in Baddeck Bay, February 23, 1903. This view of

the first flight ever made in the British Empire. Right view of Baddeck Bay.



Aerial Experimental Association which fathered the initial flights at Baddeck 25 years ago. From left to right, Glen Curtiss, F. W. Baldwin, Alexander Graham Bell, Lt. Selfridge, J. A. D. McCurdy—men who made history and whose names will ever be cherished in aviation circles.

## History Making Event To Be Celebrated At Baddeck First Successful Air Flight In The British Empire Made At Baddeck February 23 1903.

The Baddeck Board of Trade in co-operation with the Cape Breton Flying Club and the Associated Flying Clubs of Canada have completed plans for holding of an Air Memorial Celebration at Baddeck on August 16th. This history making event which took place over twenty five years ago is to be celebrated in a big way and will attract people in large numbers as it is not only of particular interest to the citizens of Nova Scotia but to those of all Canada and the British Empire, celebrating as it does the first successful flight of an air plane in the British Empire. It was on February 23, 1903 that J. A. Douglas McCurdy in the "Silver Dart" flew the distance of one-half mile over the ice at Baddeck.

The feat was the sequel to a number of experiments which had been carried on for some months by the Aerial Experiment Association, composed of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, Lieut. Thomas Selfridge, Glen H. Curtiss, F. W. Baldwin and J. A. D. McCurdy.

Not only was McCurdy's flight the first in Canada, but it was the first in a Canadian plane, made from his own plans. The Baddeck town council presented to Dr. Bell as head of the Aerial Experiment Association, and to Douglas McCurdy, as the "bold Aviator," engraved testimonials.

Dr. Bell's reply to which is interesting in view of the subsequent development of aviation: "It is very gratifying to me, and to all those associated with me, that the citizens of Baddeck should have recognized the historical importance of the flight. This may seem to be only a small matter at this time, but when flying machines have become common and aerial locomotion, a well recognized mode of transit, the origin of the art in Canada will become a matter of great historical interest, and people will look back to the flight made on February 23rd, 1903 as the first flight of a flying machine in the Dominion of Canada. It is gratifying to me, as to the citizens of your little town, that the name of Baddeck will be indelibly connected with that event.

In the second trial at Baddeck, McCurdy flew a distance of four and one-half miles making a circle of the bay, and a few days later made the "Silver Dart" complete a figure eight, the first man in the world to do so.

Two only survive who were the members of the Aerial Experiment Association in Baddeck in 1903.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell passed away in his summer home at Beinn Bhreagh some years ago, Lieut. Selfridge was killed in a crash at Washington D. C. and Glen H. Curtiss died from an operation a few years ago.

Mr. George M. Ross Secretary of the Associated Flying Clubs of Canada came to Baddeck some few weeks ago where he met the Baddeck Board of Trade and members of the Cape Breton Flying Club. In discussing plans for the holding of this celebration Mr. Ross said he was very much pleased to come to Baddeck the birthplace of flying in the British Empire. It was at New Glasgow, N. S. about the middle of last May that it was decided to hold the Maritime Good Will Tour of Air Ships ending with Baddeck as its climax on August 16th, 1934. This celebration will mark a very historic event not only in the British Empire but in the whole world.

Immediately after the New Glasgow meeting, he went before the Historic Sites and Monument Board at Ottawa, where the whole situation was discussed in connection with the Baddeck Board of Trade application for the erection of a Cairn to commemorate the first air flight in the British Empire. They approved of the application and appointed a sub-committee to take charge of the matter, deciding to place a Cairn at Baddeck instead of at some other place in Canada, as had been on their program.

Mr. Mosher president of the Cape Breton Flying Club will represent the Association in Cape Breton in the meantime. There will probably be about twenty wheel planes here as well as several sea-planes.

It was decided that George Ross would be chairman for the day of the celebration. The program will be on August 16th, 1934. Airship activities in the morning, Luncheon booths at the field, the official luncheon for invited guests at 1.30 P. M. at the Bras d'or Yacht Club. Flying activities over the field and town 3.00 to 3.30 P. M. in formation. Some flying activity probably taking passengers all day.

The Memorial Cairn is to be unveiled at 3.30 P. M. Lieut. Gov. of Nova Scotia is to be asked to unveil the Cairn. Guests will be taken to Beinn Bhreagh to see the original models of the first airplanes.

### Inverness Items

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from Antigonish where she had been the guest of Miss Lucille Haines. John Beaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chisholm were recent visitors to New Glasgow.

Rev. H. G. Wright, Matt Ferguson and Rev. M. Haig, Somerville, N. J. who is spending the summer months at Swathorne, spent several days last week on a motor trip through the province.

Sheriff Joseph D. Doucet of Port Hood was in town on Friday of last week.

Miss Jessie McDonald, who had spent several weeks visiting her mother has returned to Boston.

Miss Vera West of Moncton, N. B. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Beaton.

Alex. Fraser of Port Hood was in town last Thursday.

Miss Lottie Austen of Mabou was a visitor in town last week.

Several motor parties made the trip to Cheticamp last week to attend the picnic which was held there on Monday and Tuesday. Others motored to Port Hood to attend the dance held in Earl's Hotel.

### RECENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS

River View Inn—Rev. S. Bradley, Port Arthur; Rev. M. Gillis, Bois-dale; L. S. Austin, Mabou; Robert Jeffreys, Philadelphia, Pa.; N. Hanna, Grand Mere, Que. W. G. Sutherland, Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Crossley, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Forsythe, Bronxville, N. Y.; Miss Mabel Forsyth, Bronxville, N. Y.; Mr. Albert

Hadlock, N. Y.; Ann Smith, Smith Falls, New Jersey; Fred Cooke, Smith Falls, N. J.; Austin McDonald, Port Hood, Colin McKay, Port Hood; Mr. and Mrs. I. D. McDougall, Port Hood; Rev. Blaize Campbell, Port Hood; J. D. McDougall, Port Hood; Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Mulhall, Liverpool, N. S.; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Horne, Sydney; Alex. P. McDougall, New Waterford, M. Matheson, New Waterford; Alice B. McNab, Clinton, Mass.; Mrs. S. P. Hewes, Springfield, Mass.; W. W. Blair, Cleveland, Ohio; June Blair, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Seely, Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bedwin, North Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bedwin, Truro, N. S.; Mrs. E. W. Fulton, North Sydney; Mrs. Oriel Miller, Kentville; Mrs. M. Andrews, Halifax; Mrs. A. D. Brehant, Sydney; Miss Lottie Brehant, Sydney; Miss J. McKay, Brooklyn, N. Y.; K. E. Turner, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. McIsaac, Antigonish; Miss F. L. Allan, Yarmouth; Miss A. M. Allan, Yarmouth; Mrs. A. K. Killan, Halifax; Miss A. Wetmore, Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. O' Delphie, Arlington, N. Jersey; Miss Betty Opydyke, Arlington, N. J. Miss Catherine Baillie, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Mr. Murray Baillie, Westville, N. S.; Mr. James Baillie, Westville, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. George Poetillo, New York; F. A. Cochran, Amherst; A. B. Sim, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. John Finlayson, Sydney; Mr. Robert Finlayson, Arlington, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fairweather, Rothesay, N. B.; Dr. W. R. Hibbard, Rothesay, N. B.; Samuel Scovil, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brandon, N. B.; Verna McKenzie, Tatamagouche, N. S.; Evelyn McIntosh, Halifax; Frances McDonald, Halifax; Kathryn McIntosh, Sunny Brae, N. S.

### MARGAREE

Rev. Myles Tompkins, P. P. of New Waterford, accompanied by Jerome Tompkins and party of friends, motored here on Monday to visit his brother John L. Tompkins at N. E. Margaree.

Leah Whidden, Electionist of Antigonish, visited friends here during the week.

Rev. John H. McPherson P. P. of Brock Village accompanied by Fr. Miller of Toronto, spent some time here during the week, guests at the

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Tompkins Hotel.

Her many friends will learn with regret that Miss Rosalind Burton of N. E. Margaree has entered the Memorial Hospital at Inverness to undergo treatment and will wish her a speedy recovery to normal health.

D. J. McKay of Baddeck was a business visitor here on Wednesday. Mr. Donly of Ontario, accompanied by Jack Alley of N. Y. was a guest at the River View Inn during the week. Colin Ross of S. W. Margaree was a motor visitor to Antigonish on Wednesday.

Mrs. Willie White who has spent the last month visiting her brother John McFarlane of Margaree Harbor, returned to her home in the United States during the week.

John F. Gillis, in charge of an R.C. M.P. detachment at Loon Lake, Sask. who has spent the last two weeks at his home here, left by motor on Wednesday morning to resume his duties.

Mrs. Christina McKay who has been spending some time the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Coady of S. W. Margaree, returned to the United States on Wednesday.

Mr. McKay of the News Publishing Company of Truro was a business visitor here on Thursday.

Mr. Powell, Deputy Minister of Fisheries was an official visitor to the Margarees on Friday.

Miss Betty Mullet who has been

vacationing with relatives and friends at Margaree Harbour for the past two weeks returned to her home in Boston, Mass. on Wednesday.

Arthur Ingraham of N. E. Margaree was a business visitor to Inverness on Thursday evening.

Stewart McDonald, car dealer of Sydney, spent some time in the Margarees during the week. While here Mr. McDonald was successful in disposing of three new V. Eight cars. Mrs. Bertha Doyle, accompanied by her two sons, Bertram and Gerald, spent the week-end with relatives and friends in New Waterford and Louisburg.

Ernie Gourley of Antigonish, representing the Canada Packers Ltd. of Sydney, was a business visitor here on Wednesday.

A. M. Fraser of N. E. Margaree, accompanied by Roger Burton, motored to Sydney on Friday on business. J. C. F. McDonnell of the Maritime Marketing Board visited several of the farmers in this vicinity during the week attending to matters pertinent to his department.

Dr. Cummings of Halifax was a

visitor here during the week.

Lawrence Steele of the Firm of J. D. Steele and sons, North Sydney, was a business visitor here on Thursday.

Miss Ida Miller, Nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, arrived home on Sunday to spend her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Miller of Margaree Forks.

Blake Dowling, of Connecticut, formerly of Crandall Road, a few miles from Hawkesbury and his friend Warren Campbell, Somerville, Mass., motored here to visit friends and relatives. On Monday they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds, and returned that evening to River Denys where they are visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hammett who were guests of her relatives in Sydney over the week-end, spent Tuesday night at their home enroute to Halifax. They will return home via the Annapolis Valley and plan to spend a few days at the Berwick Camp Meetings enroute. While on vacation, Mr. Hammett is being relieved by Mr. F. W. Murphy of the Supervisors Dept., Halifax.

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